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CORRESPONDENCE

Congress of Oceanographers

Editor of the American Naturalist.

Sir:—I enclose copies of correspondence in regard to a Congress on Oceanography which is to be held in connection with the Colonial Exposition at Marseilles, France, in 1906, and in compliance with the French Ambassador's request, invite your attention to the desire of the organizers to secure the coöperation at the Congress of the associations and individuals named in the accompanying list, the *American Naturalist* being among them.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT BACON
Acting Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON
October 11, 1905

Translation of Letters from French Embassy

Mr. Secretary of State.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs has sent me a letter in which Mr. Charles Rouse, Commissioner General of the Colonial Exposition to be held at Marseilles in 1906, expresses the wish to have the attention of the Government of the United States invited to the section of Oceanography of that Exposition.

In order to comply with this request, which is particularly commended by the Minister of Commerce and Industries, the French Ambassador desires to request the Federal Government kindly to invite those persons in America, who make a study of oceanography, to take the result of their studies to the Marseilles Exposition, communicating to the particular ninth section of said Exposition, the results of their research and to participate in the Congress on Oceanography which will be organized under the auspices of the section in question.

I shall thank Your Excellency for kindly informing me in order

that I may notify my Government, of the replies which the Department of State shall receive to this communication.

Accept, Mr. Secretary of State, assurances of highest esteem.

DES PORTES

EMBASSY OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC
IN THE UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON
October 2, 1905

Mr. Secretary of State.

Under date of September 11 last, this Embassy had the honor to invite attention of the Department of State to the interest felt by the Republic in the Colonial Exposition at Marseilles, and particularly the Section of Oceanography and Sea-fishing, which is a part thereof. Referring to that communication as well as to the kind reply made by the Department of State, I take the liberty of transmitting herewith to Your Excellency a list of the associations and individuals who, in the opinion of organizers of the projected reunion, would be especially apt to contribute to its success.

I should be very grateful to Your Excellency if you would request them to signify their adhesion to this important international manifestation which promises to be of great scientific as well as practical interest.

Accept, Mr. Secretary of State, assurances of my high esteem.

JUSSERAND

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